

## STEWART'S SALES FIELD POINTERS

Daniel P. Smock, Once Rich, Died of Starvation and Exposure.

## JAY GOULD HIS FRIEND.

A. T. Stewart, Merchant Prince, Offered Him a Partnership at One Time.

## RUIN IN BLACK FRIDAY.

Relative Claims Body from the Morgue Where It Had Been Taken.

Another of the human derelicts that drift into the haven of the Mills Hotel or the ten-cent lodging-house for a time only to drift out again and sink in the rough weather outside was Daniel P. Smock, eighty-six years old, and once a wealthy merchant in ante-bellum New York. He died of exposure—which is a hospital euphemism for starvation and cold—on the night of March 20. He had been carried to Bellevue just in time to have the pleasure of dying in a bed and not in one of the alleys off the Bowery. Then the old world-racked body was trundled in a clanking iron truck to the Morgue.

For more than a week the body was shelved in the circular cold-storage vault of death's round house by the river. The next step would have been to Potter's Field. But just as the Morgue officials were thinking the body was occupying too much valuable space H. W. Herbert, of Bound Brook, N. J., called on them. Herbert was a nephew of old man Smock. He hadn't heard from the one-time merchant for many years. Only by chance he saw a newspaper notice of his death. To-day there was a quiet burial in the Bound Brook cemetery, and instead of a mound on Riker's Island there will be a little gray slab in the Jersey village to mark the end of Daniel P. Smock.

Worked in Country Store. His life begins like that of many a millionaire, for he was born in a country town and worked at the cross-roads store before coming to New York. His birthday was July 17, and all his life Smock was proud of the fact that it was the anniversary also of the fall of the Bastille. Matteawan, N. J., was his native town, and after having won a reputation as a keen clerk in the general store he came to New York—the New York of 1840.

After working for a year with a wholesale dry goods house he entered the employ of the firm of Fisher, Donnelly & Co. He rose rapidly and became one of the best buyers in the business. In the late '50s A. T. Stewart wanted to take him into partnership, but Smock refused. He had other plans, and though he could not read the future, those plans were to lead him finally to the Mills Hotel and the Morgue.

He and several other clever young men decided to start in business for themselves. Thus the firm of Smock, Brown & Bibby swung out its sign in Duane street. Smock went abroad to do his buying, throughout the city he was in France and England, and while abroad several times entered into warm disputes with foreigners who believed in the South. More than once Smock defended his Northern sentiments with his fists.

Known as Beau Brummel. He returned to New York every six months and was well known as the Beau Brummel of the Bowery district. He was always immaculate in dress, and all his clothes were made in England on the latest model. Indeed there is many an old man in New York to-day who remembers the pun of the "Smock" frock, and the way in which the dandy's dress was copied. Among his friends at that time was Jay Gould.

Although the firm was doing well it was caught in the maelstrom of black Friday in 1873 and went under. It was the boast of Smock that his firm paid every cent of its indebtedness, but when this was done there was nothing left, and the only resort was dissolution.

He was fifty-one years old at the time and thought himself none too old to start over again. He was much worried to another he drifted until in an office "boy" at the close of the year. For the last ten years or more he has lived on the bounty of his friends. From the ten-cent lodging-house he was moved to the Mills Hotel No. 1, when it opened. From that time until a few days before his death he was almost constantly a lodger in these institutions. Among the many queer characters that cling to the four ends of life at "No. 1" or "No. 2" he was conspicuous. He was not lost in adversity. Always he wore a frock coat, gray trousers and white spats. The hair was never shaven, and the spats may have been trimmed about the edges, but they were clean. It was said that he often spent his last nickel for a shine in preference to buying food. His chief pride was in his old-fashioned tie. On Sundays and holidays he wore it. On other occasions his headgear was a quaint broad brimmed felt hat.

Pnched by Poverty. Now and then the old beau disappeared from the Mills Hotel. At such times he would leave his silk hat with the clerk. When he returned he would look more pinched and careworn than ever, but he would have the money for a room. It was fairly well known, though, he never talked of it, that when he disappeared he was short of funds and resorted to the five-cent "doss houses" of the Bowery. It was during one of these periods of want when his friends were forgetful that the old man was found cold and starving and ready for the morgue.

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## THE WORLD ABOLISHES NEW JERSEY GALLOWS

Bill to Substitute Death by Electricity for Murderers Awaits Only Signature of Governor to Become a Law.

The World's bill to abolish hanging for murder in New Jersey and to substitute the electric chair was passed yesterday by the Assembly of that State by a vote of 43 to 8.

It already had passed the Senate. Now it goes to the Governor for approval. The bill which was sponsored in the Senate by Senator Wakelee, of Bergen County, and in the Assembly by Mr. Mable, also of Bergen, was put to the final test at the afternoon session. Gov. Stokes undoubtedly will give his approval to the measure, as he has heretofore indicated that he favored the passage of The World's bill and intimated that he would not hesitate to sign it if it passed the Legislature.

In advocating the passage of the bill Mr. Mable said:

"This bill is for the purpose of abol-

ishing hanging in the infliction of capital punishment and to institute electrocution in substitution thereof, as the progressive States of New York, Massachusetts and Ohio have done with satisfactory results. I consider that to continue the present method will be a reflection upon the State. It was once my fate to be called on a jury to witness an execution by hanging, and the scene I then was compelled to witness has left an impression upon me that I do not think will ever leave me. The object of this bill does not involve sympathy for the criminal, but is for the good name of the State.

Mr. Walsh, of Essex, the only member of the delegation from that county who was in his seat and did not vote for the bill, asked to be excused from voting. He gave as his reason that he was opposed to capital punishment in any form. He was excused.

## SAYS THE JANITOR DEMANDED GRAFT

Milkman States that Cerberus Wouldn't Allow Him to Dun Customer Till He 'Put Up.'

Can an apartment-house janitor demand honest graft from a milkman in consideration of allowing the latter to dun the tenants?

This was the question put up to Magistrate Barlow in the West Side Court to-day. It is unsettled, although when the Magistrate discharged all hands, he told the milkman to get a warrant for the janitor in the event of further trouble.

The janitor is Christopher Thrum, who works in the flat house at No. 112 West One Hundred and Seventh street. He and his wife were in court on summonses secured by Alfred Heine, the milkman. Heine said for several days he has been trying to collect a bill from a woman on the top floor of the house but the janitor would not allow him to go upstairs and that he was obliged to yell up the dumbwaiter shaft for the woman to pay the bill.

Whenever he began to shout for his money, he said, the janitor would shovel coal into the furnace and the noise drowned his voice. Yesterday, he said, the janitor told him if he would give him two bottles of milk free every day there would be no more noise during the shout for unpaid bills.

He began yelling up the shaft to-day and the janitor beat him over the back with a coal shovel. "You've got a right to do business there," said the Magistrate. "Next time get a warrant and have him arrested."

## PRISONERS SAVED FROM FIERY DEATH.

Timely Warning of Blaze in Police Headquarters Given by Men in Cells.

(Special to The Evening World.) BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 28.—This city's handsome white granite police building had a narrow escape from a serious fire early to-day. Prisoners in the cell room, smelling smoke, alarmed the doorman by shouts.

That part of the building used for female prisoners was full of smoke. Fortunately the women were not held by the fire, and no lives were lost.

The blaze started under the floor and had been smoldering for hours. A squad of police formed a fire brigade and after a lively fight subdued the blaze.

The figures were to-day furnished to the taxpayers' committee by Bridge Commissioner Stevenson, who said that the compensation demanded by the city for the use of the bridge was the only thing that held back the Union Company from laying tracks.

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## WALK IN MUD TO SAVE \$600 FOR RR.

Bronx Residents Transfer Four Times in Two and a Half Miles.

The State Railroad Commissioners to-day were visited by a delegation from the Van Ness Taxpayers' Association, to whom they promised to demand of the Union Railway Company why it did not give continuous service across the Westchester avenue bridge.

The bridge, which was designed to relieve the traction situation for that part of the city east of the Bronx river, has been unused since its completion a year and a half ago.

Augustus G. Miller, of Van Ness, who with Henry Ailes, Charles Smith and Valentine Gish represented the taxpayers of that section, told the commission if the railway company would run cars across the bridge to the subway and elevated junction at Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-ninth street it would remove at least two of the four transfers a resident of Fort Schuyler or Throggs Neck has to make in the two-and-a-half miles trip to the Interborough lines.

Happen Withheld Facts. At present the passengers are dumped out of a shuttle car at the east end of the bridge and walk across the bridge for another car for the last stage of the trip. To do this they must wade in mud at the east approach of the bridge.

This, according to the committee, is all to save the Union Railway Company the difference between \$275, a yearly rental set by the city, and \$1,000 which the company is ready to pay. The amount of difference, including the tender, which the company is willing to pay, is about \$600.

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## SENATE DRIVES AN EX-MEMBER FROM THE FLOOR

Brown, of Watertown, Declared a Lobbyist, Is Later Vindicated.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, March 28.—Ex-Senator Elton B. Brown, of Watertown, was expelled from the floor of the Senate to-day.

Objection to his presence was made by Senator Lewis, of Rochester, who insisted on the strict enforcement of the rule barring from the Senate all persons except Senators, employees and State officers and their families.

"Senator Brown's purpose in entering the house is to discuss with members, pending legislation," declared Senator Lewis, "and that is something which he can do with more propriety in the galleries."

"We all know that ex-Senators and Assemblymen have been and are employed by corporations and interests concerned with pending legislation, and if we let down the bars in their favor this chamber will soon be overrun with attorneys for the insurance companies and for the railroad and gas people."

Ex-Senator Brown's friends, angered by his exclusion, insisted on a change of the rule in favor of all ex-Senators. An amendment to that effect was adopted by a vote of 41 yes to one no.

Brown was then brought into the chamber. He then sat next to the Chief-Clerk, while his friends cheered.

## OCEAN LINER STRIKES; GETS IN LEAKING.

PAERMO, Sicily, March 28.—The Italian steamer Italia arrived here to-day after having been ashore. She is leaking badly and must discharge her passengers as being landed here.

The identity of the Italia is in doubt. There are two steamers of that name trading between Italian ports and New York. The agents in this city of both lines have not yet received any news tending to show which of the two it is.

The agents of the La Veloce line, however, say they are certain it is not their Italia. The agents of the Italian General Navigation Company, whose Italia left New York March 7, for Messina, Sicily, say she should be in the vicinity of the Sicilian coast.

GREENWICH PUPILS EXHIBIT. Russian Lace, Embroidery and Brasswork in Benefit Show.

An exceedingly interesting exhibit and sale open to-day at Greenwich House, No. 23 Jones street. The pupils of the handicraft school of this settlement are experts in Russian lace-making, embroidery and brasswork, and the products of their season's work make a fine display.

The articles will be sold at prices far below their cost. The proceeds will be used toward the maintenance of a Greenwich House competitive scholarship in the manual training department of Teachers' College. The studio is open to visitors and purchasers from 8 o'clock in the afternoon until 10 o'clock to-day and to-morrow.

## MISS WAINWRIGHT'S MUSICALS.

Miss Beatrice Wainwright, assisted by Mr. Frederick W. Schalscha, violinist, will give a musicals at 4 P. M. next Friday at the studio of Mr. Walter Russell in the Central Park Studio Building, No. 15 West Sixty-seventh street. A programme comprising an attractive variety of numbers has been arranged for the well-known soprano for this occasion, which will bring together quite a large musical company.

## LAMBERT Atterbury System

Every custom tailor quality at about half custom tailor charges.

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## BURNED TO DEATH WITH HER HAND IN CASH DRAWER

Aged Jersey City Refugee's Last Move Was for Money.

Mrs. Emeline Rigen, aged, feeble, eccentric and saving, was found dead early to-day in her millinery store, No. 27 Central avenue, Jersey City, with her hand clutching money in the cash drawer, while flames were consuming the building about her.

Mrs. Rigen, in spite of her eighty years, was ambitious to make and save a fortune. Her daughter is married to a New York man, and the daughter had done her utmost to get the old mother to give up her business and come to Manhattan to live. These invitations the old woman refused. She preferred independence and the pleasure of making and saving money.

It has been Mrs. Rigen's custom to work during the midnight hours. She would let her sewing women off at the usual hour, but by a dim lamp she would stitch away, often until the next day.

It was supposed that Mrs. Rigen was sitting in the rear of her store early to-day when the fire started. The flames were seen by Policeman Warner, of the Central avenue station.

Above the millinery establishment lived Emily Gilie, his wife and three children. Gilie saved his family with great difficulty. Fireman Samuel Cooke, of Engine Company No. 11, ran into the burning building. He found old Mrs. Rigen behind the counter of her store.

Her hand was in the cash drawer and her body was resting against the usual door, which was burning. The firemen carried the old woman to the street, but she was dead.

There was a story that the old woman's body was found under a heavy trunk by the firemen. This was denied. The firemen said that the fire probably started from an overturned lamp.

From the front of the body it is believed she had made an effort to secure the contents of the cash drawer after the blaze started.

Emily Gilie, his wife and one child occupied apartments on the second floor of the building. They escaped without difficulty by an outside staircase.

A report that the place was set on fire by robbers and the old lady had hurried at work is without foundation. Patrolman Warner, of the Central avenue station, passed the burning store a few minutes before the discovery of the fire and saw Mrs. Rigen walking about, carrying a heated lamp.

## HIS LIFE LOST FOREVER.

At Liberty to Chase the Belboy Around the Block. James William Munson, an insurance man, with apartments in the Roanoke Hotel, No. 288 St. Nicholas avenue, was in the Harlem Court to-day as complainant against a man named Belboy, who had been arrested for threatening to kill the other's name.

Magistrate Crane said there was no evidence against the belboy and dismissed the case.

As Munson was leaving the court-room he suddenly turned to the Magistrate and declared that Hooper had threatened his life and other dire things. Hooper is a mere boy, while the insurance man is about six feet tall and of heavy weight.

"Oh, chase the boy around the block if he threatens your life again," was the advice of Magistrate Crane.

## SHERIDAN, COP ATHLETE, RISKS LIFE IN RUNAWAY

Champion Who Goes to Athens Next Week Stops Horse.

Policeman Martin Sheridan, known in the Bronx as "the strong-arm cop," and known elsewhere in the United States as the champion all-around athlete of America, did some training with a runaway horse for a wrestling mate this afternoon.

Waiting a block with a big bay stallion, and then going into a five-foot ditch of water ought to be good practice for Sheridan since he starts next week for Athens with the team from this country to take part in the Olympic games.

All joking aside, though, it was a heroic thing he did, because he risked his own life to save a lot of children.

Contractor T. J. Heaney's big bay, hit with a runaway, was standing in front of Heaney's, on One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, when an automobile scared him and he started pelting northward at a slashing gallop. As he turned out of Tremont avenue into West Farms road, Sheridan ran into the street and jumped for the bridle.

He caught it close to the bit and put all his weight on it, but the bay was game and didn't even slow up.

Half a block away is Public School No. 6. With the big policeman dangling from the side of his head like an overgrown blue earring, the horse headed straight for the school. It looked as if he were going to run down a half dozen frightened children. Sheridan saw the danger out of the tail of his eye.

Directly across the way from the school is a deep excavation now nearly deep in melted snow water. By a sudden twist Sheridan swung the horse's head about and steered him over the edge of the muddy pit.

The whole caboodle of them—cop and bay and runaway—shot into the hole with a mighty splash, but none of them took any hurt. However Sheridan gained a new uniform.

## MISS MABURY WINS.

Stems & Co. Must Pay Her for the Use of Comic Opera, "Lady Molly."

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to-day affirmed a judgment obtained by Miss Molly Mabury, the playwright, against the music publishing house of Stems & Co. for \$1,141.50 for the American rights in the comic opera "Lady Molly" for a year.

Miss Mabury said the publishers agreed to pay her \$100 a month for the use of the exclusive use of "Lady Molly." They paid \$100 and refused to pay the rest, and she sued.

## \$12,500,000 Loan for Chili.

SANTIAGO, CHILI, MARCH 28.—President Balmaceda has signed a decree authorizing a loan of \$12,500,000 from a German financial house for the construction of a railroad from Arica, Chili, to La Paz, Bolivia.

## No Concessions to Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, MARCH 28.—In reply to further representations made by the Porte on the subject of the proposed concessions to the Sultan, the American Legation has reiterated that the Government at Washington can make no concessions to the American demands for a settlement of the schools and other questions are granted.

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At \$14.98—A Supreme Value.

As illustrated at left, made of all-wool broadcloth in such colors as reseda green, pearl gray, old rose, blue and black. The jacket is a collarless Eton, trimmed with self-color straps and braid, and finished with wide girdle. The skirts are full circular style, with pleated front, and straps of same material around bottom. You'll agree with us that these Suits are most exceptional values at \$14.98.

\$16.50 Broadcloth Eton Suits \$10.98

Four handsome styles, made of all-wool Panama, broadcloth and beautiful mixtures, in pastel shades of Alice blue, reseda green, old rose, black and blue. The mixtures are light and medium gray. The Etons are richly trimmed with silk braid and lined with satin, fancy braid vest, wide girdle, new circular skirt, with folds of same material; worth \$16.50, at \$10.98.

## Great Waist Sale.

An Event That Offers Great Savings. These values speak for themselves. Read the offerings carefully—then come and see how much better the Waists themselves are than we can make them appear in print.

50 per cent. more would be reasonable for these Garments—prove that by comparing them with the waists on sale elsewhere.

White Lawn Waists at 79c.

Made from fine quality white lawn, full blouse, with yoke of fine Val. lace and blouse elaborately trimmed with lace insertion. Others are elaborately trimmed with lace and medallions; both styles have pleated back, elbow sleeve, lace trimmed and fancy stock; special.

The Best Dollar Waists in Brooklyn.

Made from extra fine quality White Lawn, full blouse, tucked trimmed with seven rows of fine open-work embroidery, pleated back, elbow sleeve, with cuff trimmed with embroidery and tucked stock; open front or back; special.

Other attractive WAISTS, made of fine batiste, front of hemstitched flounce, back of fine batiste, designed made up in the long and heavy silk embroidery in the design, made up in the newest model, pleated back full sleeve and ruffled stock, special.

## Muslins, Wash Goods.

Specials of Most Unusual Interest. The savings in this special event are so exceptional that they deserve your attention to-morrow.

Fruit of the Loom Muslin at 6 1/2c. "FRUIT OF THE LOOM MUSLIN" at less than cost by the case. 2,500 yards in the lot; 36 inches wide; not more than 10 yards to a customer; at, per yard. 6 1/2c.

Mill Remnants of Wash Goods. Mill Remnants of pongees, madras, basket weaves, jacquards, sozzettes, etc., in lengths of 2 to 10 yards; suitable for waists and children's dresses; value 20c; special, per yard. 12 1/2c.

Important Offer in Linings. Best quality LINING CAMBRIC, in all colors, including blacks and white; special to-morrow, per yard. 3 1/2c.

## A Sale for Girls